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Legal empowerment of the poor and eradication of poverty

1. Insert the following two new paragraphs after the fifth preambular paragraph:

"*Reaffirming* the objective of making the right to development a reality for everyone, as set out in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[2]

"*Concerned* by the global nature of poverty and inequality, and underlining that the eradication of poverty and hunger is an ethical, social, political and economic imperative of humankind".

2. Insert the following two new paragraphs after the sixth preambular paragraph:

"*Reaffirming* that eradicating poverty is one of the greatest global challenges facing the world today, particularly in Africa and in the least developed countries, and underlining the importance of accelerating sustainable broad-based and inclusive economic growth, including full, productive employment generation and decent work,

"*Recognizing* that rates of economic growth vary between countries and that those differences must be addressed by, among other actions, promoting pro-poor growth and social protection".

3. Insert the following two new paragraphs after the seventh preambular paragraph:

"*Emphasizing* that respect for the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrants is essential for reaping the benefits of international migration,

"*Deeply concerned* that the majority of indigenous peoples in the world live in conditions of poverty, and recognizing the critical need to address the negative impact of poverty and inequity on indigenous peoples by ensuring

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their full and effective inclusion in development and poverty eradication programmes".

4. Replace the eighth preambular paragraph with the following paragraph:

"*Recognizing also*, in this regard and with due consideration to national law, free health care and education, that access to justice and the realization of rights related to property and labour, inter alia, are components in the effective eradication of poverty".

5. Delete the ninth preambular paragraph.

6. At the end of the twelfth preambular paragraph, insert the words "to achieve a more inclusive, equitable, balanced, development-oriented and sustainable economic development to help overcome poverty and equality", so that the paragraph reads as follows:

"*Deeply concerned* by the global nature of poverty and by the significant challenges the financial and economic crisis pose for its eradication, and in this regard reiterating that national efforts should be complemented by an enabling international environment to achieve a more inclusive, equitable, balanced, development-oriented and sustainable economic development to help overcome poverty and inequality".

7. Insert the following four new paragraphs after the twelfth preambular paragraph:

"*Recognizing* that globalization, driven largely by economic liberalization and technology, implies that the economic performance of a country is increasingly affected by factors outside its geographical borders and that maximizing in an equitable manner the benefits of globalization requires the development of responses to globalization through a strengthened global partnership for development to achieve the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

"*Stressing* that the international financial and economic crisis and the resulting downturn in global economic growth severely affect the economies of developing countries, in particular, inter alia, through the decrease in trade and flows of foreign direct investment and the increased contractions and high costs of credit, thereby creating a negative impact on the realization of the right to development, constraining social investments, raising unemployment rates and deepening poverty,

"*Also stressing* the need to address the crisis with the goal of promoting human development, including through actions at all levels aimed at supporting poverty eradication, sustained economic growth and sustainable development,

"*Reaffirming* the need for the fulfilment of all official development assistance commitments by developed countries, as reiterated in all major United Nations conferences and summits".

8. Delete operative paragraph 2.

9. Replace operative paragraph 3 with the following paragraph:

"3. *Further takes note* of the broad diversity of national voluntary experience in the area of legal empowerment of the poor and the initiatives undertaken by countries in advancing legal empowerment of the poor as an integral part of their national strategies and objectives, and stresses the importance of promoting the sharing of national best practices, as appropriate".

10. Insert the following new paragraph after operative paragraph 3:

"3 bis. *Recognizes with appreciation* the important contribution made by migrants and migration to development in countries of origin and destination".

11. Replace operative paragraph 4 with the following paragraph:

"4. *Emphasizes* the need to accord the highest priority to poverty eradication within the United Nations development agenda, while stressing the importance of addressing the causes and challenges of poverty through integrated, coordinated and coherent strategies at the national, intergovernmental and inter-agency levels".

12. Insert the following two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 4:

"4 bis. *Emphasizes* that education and training are among the critical factors in empowering those living in poverty, while recognizing the complexity of the challenge of poverty eradication;

"4 ter. *Calls for* actions at the national, regional and international levels that will give high priority to improving and expanding literacy, as well as science proficiency, and provide tertiary, technical-vocational and adult education".

13. Replace operative paragraph 5 with the following paragraph:

"5. *Emphasizes* the importance of access to justice by all at all levels, in particular the poor, and in this regard encourages the strengthening and improvement of the administration of justice and identity and birth registration systems, as well as awareness-raising concerning existing legal rights, including for migrant workers".

14. Delete operative paragraph 6.

15. In operative paragraph 7, delete the words "as a foundation for building the legal codes and collective agreements needed to effectively govern labour markets and workplaces", so that the paragraph reads as follows:

"7. *Reiterates* the importance of pursuing appropriate policy and regulatory frameworks at the respective national levels to promote employment and decent work for all and to protect labour rights, including through respect for the fundamental principles and rights at work proclaimed by the International Labour Organization".

16. Delete operative paragraph 8.

17. Delete operative paragraph 9.

18. Revise operative paragraph 10 to read as follows:

"10. *Calls upon* the international community to continue to give priority to the eradication of poverty and to support the national efforts of developing countries in promoting legal empowerment of the poor, upon their request, through adequate, predictable financial resources or technical assistance, as appropriate".

19. Delete operative paragraph 11.

20. Delete operative paragraph 12.

21. Delete operative paragraph 13.